SI. No.	Project	Actual Exp. upto Mar. 04
	RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION	
66.	Khurja-Meerut-Saharanpur	0.00
67.	Mugalsarai-Zafrabad	0.00
68.	Delhi Sarai Rohilla-Gurgaon	0.00
	METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT (These figures do not include the share of State Govts.)	
69.	Thane Turbhe Nerul/Vashi part of corridor no. 1 New Mumbai	122.63
70.	Thirumali to Velacherry MRTS (Ph. II)	215.05
71.	Belapur-Seawood-Uran electrified double line	24.49
72.	Hyderabad-Multi Model Suburban commuter transport system	43.97
73.	Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP)	323.39

Bridge on Farakka Barrage

1739. SHRIJIBON ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for building another railway bridge on Farakka barrage; and

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Unreserved tickets

1740. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no mechanism to ensure that unreserved tickets issued to passengers for a train matches the number of seats available in that irain;

(b) if so, whether such a mechanism is possible;

(c) if not, whether Government are planning to put such mechanism in place; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU): (a) and (b) Unreserved tickets are issued for a particular destination and are valid for travel for the entire day on the date of journey. Unreserved tickets are not issued for a particular train and thus, it is not possible to link it to the carrying capacity of a train.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Hike in freight tariff

1741. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent hike in freight tariff effected by railways will bring inadequate revenue to offset the effect of hike in diesel prices and other operational costs;

'(b) whether the railways is facing stiff competition from private transport sector, which has snatched away a large share of railway freight business, and

(c) whether because of high density of passenger/express/mail traffic on trunk routes, the freight train movement is severely curtailed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The recent hike in freight tariff for a few commodities will partially offset the effect of hike in diesel prices and other operational costs.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Passenger earnings

1742. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the passenger earnings fell short of Budget Estimates and the revised estimates for the year ending 31st March, 2004;

(b) whether the downward revision of Budget Estimates for passenger fare . earnings for 2003-04 was on account of estimated shortfall in upper class passenger earning targets caused by stiff competition from airlines; and

(c) whether in view of the stiff competition faced from airlines, the railways would rationalize the upper class fares in the coming budget?